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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS."

1 Strike lines 1 to 30, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subdivision (7) of section 20-12a of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2006*):

6 (7) (A) "Supervision" in hospital settings means the exercise by the
7 supervising physician of oversight, control and direction of the
8 services of a physician assistant. Supervision includes but is not
9 limited to: [(A)] (i) Continuous availability of direct communication
10 either in person or by radio, telephone or telecommunications between
11 the physician assistant and the supervising physician; [(B)] (ii) active
12 and continuing overview of the physician assistant's activities to
13 ensure that the supervising physician's directions are being
14 implemented and to support the physician assistant in the

15 performance of his or her services; [(C)] (iii) personal review by the
16 supervising physician of the physician assistant's practice at least
17 weekly or more frequently as necessary to ensure quality patient care;
18 [(D)] (iv) review of the charts and records of the physician assistant on
19 a regular basis as necessary to ensure quality patient care; [(E)] (v)
20 delineation of a predetermined plan for emergency situations; and [(F)]
21 (vi) designation of an alternate licensed physician in the absence of the
22 supervising physician.

23 (B) "Supervision" in settings other than hospital settings means the
24 exercise by the supervising physician of oversight, control and
25 direction of the services of a physician assistant. Supervision includes,
26 but is not limited to: (i) Continuous availability of direct
27 communication either in person or by radio, telephone or
28 telecommunications between the physician assistant and the
29 supervising physician; (ii) active and continuing overview of the
30 physician assistant's activities to ensure that the supervising
31 physician's directions are being implemented and to support the
32 physician assistant in the performance of his or her services; (iii)
33 personal review by the supervising physician of the physician
34 assistant's services through a face-to-face meeting with the physician
35 assistant, at least weekly or more frequently as necessary to ensure
36 quality patient care, at a facility or practice location where the
37 physician assistant or supervising physician performs services; (iv)
38 review of the charts and records of the physician assistant on a regular
39 basis as necessary to ensure quality patient care and written
40 documentation by the supervising physician of such review at the
41 facility or practice location where the physician assistant performs
42 services; (v) delineation of a predetermined plan for emergency
43 situations; and (vi) designation of an alternate licensed physician in the
44 absence of the supervising physician.

45 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 20-12c of the 2006 supplement to the
46 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
47 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

48 (b) A physician may function as a supervising physician for as many
49 physician assistants as is medically appropriate under the
50 circumstances, provided (1) the supervision is active and direct, [and
51 at the specific location in which the physician assistant is practicing,]
52 and (2) the physician is supervising not more than six full-time
53 physician assistants concurrently, or the part-time equivalent thereof."